

FOOD ASSISTANCE

The following information about funding included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was compiled by the Office of Congressman Peter Welch. This document is intended to provide the public with basic information of potential federal assistance and funding opportunities. Those

interested in these or similar programs should contact the appropriate federal and state agencies for detailed information.

Please note: Not all applicable programs are included below; the following information is subject to change; and additional requirements, restrictions and guidance may apply.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

\$20 billion was included for SNAP

Vermont

Administrator: 3SquaresVT

Description: SNAP, formerly the Food Stamp Program, is a nutrition program that helps low

Website: <http://dcf.vermont.gov/esd/3SquaresVT>

Phone: (802) 241-2800

Supplemental WIC Nutrition Program

Type: Allocated as the Secretary deems necessary

Agency: Department of Agriculture through USDA

Description: WIC provides Federal grants to States for supplemental foods, health care refer

Purpose: To support participation should cost or participation exceed budget estimates

Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/howtoapply/default.htm> http://healthvermont.gov/family/wic/wic_vt.aspx

Phone: (800) 464-4343, extension 7333 (Toll-Free in Vermont)

Emergency Food Assistance

\$150 million was included for the Emergency Food Assistance program. □

Type: States will receive formula funding.

Agency: Department of Agriculture

Description: TEFAP provides USDA commodities to states, who distribute food through local agencies.

Purpose: To provide for costs associated with the distribution of commodity foods.

Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/tefap/> (National)
http://dcf.vermont.gov/esd/emergency_general_assistance

Phone: (800) 287-0589 (Vermont Agency of Human Services, Economic Services Division)

Senior Nutrition Programs

\$100 million was included for Senior Nutrition Programs.

Type: States will receive formula funding

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services through the Administration on Aging

Purpose: To provide for an additional amount of funds for "Aging Services Program"

Description: Programs that bring seniors together to eat in group settings and deliver nutritional education.

Website: <http://www.aoa.gov/> <http://ddas.vermont.gov/>

Phone: 1-800-642-5119 (Vermont Senior Helpline)

School Lunch Program

\$100 million was included for the School Lunch Program.

Type: States will receive formula funding and provide competitive grants within the state

Agency: Department of Agriculture through USDA

Purpose: To carry out a grant program for National School Lunch Program equipment as

Description: Federal school meal program that provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or f

Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/lunch/> (National)
http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_nutrition/school_nutrition.html

Application: http://vermontfoodhelp.com/library/application_08_meal.pdf

Phone: **(802) 828-5153 (Vermont Department of Education)**

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